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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (Canceled) I claim that the "disposable plastic trash can top" is my Idea and invention being that there is nothing made for the reasons that I stated for it's particular uses. Being in situations myself through the years and having to deal with losing my trash can tops along with my neighbors, seeing the consequences of neglect that occurs when trash is left uncovered frustrated me into thinking of a way to remedy those problems.
2. (Canceled) Seeing people looking around for blown away trash can tops and becoming suspicious of each other when they'd see a lid that could possibly be theirs, trash being blown about and at night the sound of trash cans being turned over by animals searching for food and some of these could have been rats being lured closer to homes caused me to know that something should and has to be done.
3. (Canceled) There is nowhere on the market a product that claims to have been made to address these issues or provide the solutions to these issues that my invention will be able to provide. My invention was specifically developed to address these before said problems and situations.
4. (Canceled) I have looked around at topless trash cans where birds and other animals

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have pulled the food out of the trash cans and had sprawled the contents everywhere or simply just standing over it eating. I've seen maggots crawling inside trash cans and all over the ground and smelled the stench, all because of a lost, stolen or damaged trash can top. Week after week the same topless trash cans are put out on trash days (I'm as guilty as any other) with no sign of a solution. On rainy days the sanitation workers have to pickup trash cans that are heavier because of the rain added to the weight and the possibility of getting wet in the process. Cardboard boxes that are used to pack items for charities can be covered if there is a call for wet weather.

5. (Canceled) My invention has preempted anything of it's kind. There have been no TV ads nor advertisements of any kind that offers any product that addresses the problems and resolves any of the situations that I have stated that my invention has the ability to resolve. For these reasons I claim sole ownership of my invention because of it's uniqueness and novelty.

6. (Canceled) The Dispotop will be found to be able to cover many other items to protect them in certain situations. Because of the materials used to make it, it will be found to be very versatile.

7. (New) A cover for covering containers, comprising:

- a first polyethylene plastic sheet;
- a second polyethylene plastic sheet; and
- an elastic cord;

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wherein the first plastic sheet and the second plastic sheet are about 2.0mm thick, a top and a bottom are at least 910mm wide and a side is at least 450mm tall, a 25mm hem is heat sealed by a first heat seal along the bottom of the first plastic sheet and the second plastic sheet, the first plastic sheet and the second plastic sheet are combined with a second heat seal, the top 50mm of the combined sheet are folded in an alternating pattern and heat sealed by a third heat seal to hold the top of the combined plastic sheet together, the fold further being about 60mm from the seal combining the first plastic sheet and the second plastic sheet and forming a handle, the elastic cord is about 275mm with an elasticity of about 1020mm and a diameter of less than 2mm, and the elastic cord is inserted through the hem at the bottom of the combined plastic sheet to form the cover having a maximum diameter of about 1020mm and a maximum depth of at least 450mm.

8. (New) The cover of claim 7, wherein the cover is disposable.

9. (New) The cover of claim 7, wherein a plurality of the covers may be packaged together.

10. (New) The cover of claim 7, wherein the cover prevents gases, liquids and solids from entering a container on which the cover is used.

11. (New) The cover of claim 7, wherein the cover is used to cover shrubbery.

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12. (New) The cover of claim 11, wherein the cover prevents frost from killing shrubbery.

13. (New) The cover of claim 7, wherein the cover can be used to protect framed paintings from damage caused by airborne particles.